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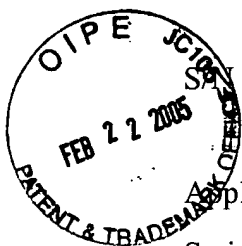
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the European Search Report. At least some of the references were recently cited in the European Search Report mailed September 23, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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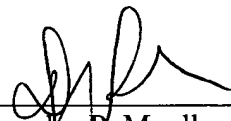
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	3,278,244	10/11/1966	Deffenbaugh et al.				
	3,477,768	11/11/1969	Culver				
	3,830,551	08/20/1974	Masaoka et al.				
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	4,482,193	11/13/1984	Boggs et al.				
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